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WHILE Nebraska elected a Republican Governor, otherwise the Democrats of that State won a notable victory. It elected a Democratic Legislature, which will elect Gilbert W. Hitchcock, who was endorsed for the position in the election, to the United States Senate, the first Democrat ever elected to the Senate from that State. Three of the six congressional districts elected Democrats, which is a stand off. "But for the liquor question," says the Commoner, "the Democratic party would have swept the State." Mr. Dahlgren, the Democratic nominee for Governor, defeated himself by his pro-liquor attitude, making his campaign more against county option than as an exponent of his party's principles, even going so far as to declare that he would veto any legislation enacted under certain lines of regulation and restriction of the liquor traffic. Many Democrats, among them Mr. Bryan, withheld their support from him on that account.

JAMES J. HILL, the big railroad king, predicts a world-wide panic within the next year, especially in the United States, and that many thousands of men will be thrown into idleness. Mr. Hill does not attribute the condition which he foresees to the recent election which changed a Republican House of Representatives into a Democratic House and the political change of sentiment that has taken place within the past year. That is the demagogue's cry when a panic is felt just after some political upheaval, or of the government-benefited class when the party that conferred its special privileges is losing the confidence of the people. Mr. Hill predicated his forecast on extravagance, public and private. He says the American people spend too freely, that extravagance has been our great fault. As a rule we have been given too much to adornments; have become obsessed with the "city beautiful" in municipal affairs and have followed like policies in State and National governments. He says that battleships, not only in this country, but abroad, are illustrations of the extravagance in which the world has been plunged the past two decades; the money for these has been withdrawn from commercial circles and almost as good as squandered so far as there can be any tangible returns observed. He cites the fact that in four years, from 1892 to 1896, our Federal expenditures were \$1,500,000,000, and that for a similar period, from 1904 to 1908, we spent about \$3,600,000,000. He declares that there are no factories and such other enterprises as are productive in their nature contemplated by those who have money to invest, which means that those who have nothing to sell but their time will be without employment; that there will be a shutting down of mines, the products of which go into the production of commercial articles, because there will be no demand for them. He says that the Great Northern, which he represents, is going to need very few supplies; that other business interests are not making any provision for improvement or extension, not because they haven't the money, but because there are no inducements. Mr. Hill's theory seems to be that we have forged ahead so fast that now we are stalled with overproduction and little is left for us to do or to stimulate industry for the next year at least. That we have been moving some cannot be questioned, and there is little question that it is well to begin to take stock, but let us hope that Mr. Hill may prove a false seer.

THE thirteen Congressional districts outside of St. Louis elected Democrats to represent them in Congress, the total Democratic majority in these thirteen districts footing up 39,011. The three Congressional districts located in the city of St. Louis and St. Louis county elected Republicans by majorities footing up 29,482, showing a Democratic majority throughout the whole State by congressional districts of 9,529. Of the legislative representative districts and counties outside of St. Louis, 82 elected Democrats and 44 Republicans, the Democrats almost doubling the Republicans, but St. Louis elected 16 Republicans, still leaving a majority for the Democrats in the House of 22. For Judge of the Supreme Court outside of St. Louis the Democrats cast 263,273 votes for Judge Gantt and the Republicans 243,639 for Brown, a Democratic majority of 21,574. The other Democratic candidates for State offices received approximately the same vote. This big majority of the country was overcome by the Republican majority in the city of St. Louis, which aggregated 24,739. So it will be seen at a glance that St. Louis dominated in this election and thwarted the will of the people as expressed throughout the balance of the State as to State offices. This would not appear so intolerable, perhaps, if it were not for the fact that elections in St. Louis are notoriously irregular, either through the carelessness and incompetency of the judges and clerks of election, or trades and conspiracies entered into by them in counting the ballots and making returns, or fraudulent and padded registrations and the impersonating of regularly registered voters by repeaters, or all of these combined. It is almost impossible to ferret out and expose these irregularities, though enough is shown to know that they exist, and hence they are perpetrated with impunity by dishonest people having to do with the elections. These frauds and irregularities are upheld by the partisans of the party they benefit and covered up as much as possible by the election commissioners in making their official return, so that innumerable election crimes go unpunished. Is there no remedy for this in our large cities?

THE irregularities—we use a mild term—occurring with such regularity in the elections of St. Louis—but perhaps no worse there than in other large cities—are always laid at the door of the political party having charge of the election machinery. Governor Hadley has been loud in his boast that he was going to give the cities honest elections through the election commissioners that he would appoint, but the recent election in St. Louis under the management of his appointees is a little the worst that was ever held there; and his election commissioners were very restless under the eyes of Democratic watchers and the irregularities discovered by them in the official count. The covering up or ignoring of these irregularities seemed to be their chief concern rather than an honest and fair count. And in the face of all the circumstantial evidence of incompetency, irregularity and violations of the election law on the part of judges and clerks of election, Governor Hadley has the effrontery to say that "the last election was the most honestly and fairly conducted in the history of St. Louis," which is on a par with President Taft's declaration that the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill was the best ever enacted. The people

of the country have repudiated Mr. Taft's declaration just as they repudiated Mr. Hadley's assertion. The Governor thinks he must uphold his election commissioners, of whom he promised so much; it's all in the game of politics, in which he would like to appear as a past master. But the whole matter ought to be taken out of the hands of the State's Executive, so that he will not have to be inventing weak excuses for his appointees' doings and making declarations so at variance with the most convincing circumstantial evidence. Let the next General Assembly pass a genuine home-rule bill for St. Louis and our other large cities. It might possibly better conditions—they could not be worse—for it is probable the good people of that city would take interest enough in the city's reputation to protect it, and it would deprive any Executive of a big cog in his attempt to construct a political machine for the especial benefit of himself and his pets.

SOUTHEAST CULLINGS.

W. J. Maxwell of Wayne county has 1910 gallons of molasses this fall.

A sweet potato weighing eight pounds is reported from Washington county.

Mr. and Mrs. Althorn of near Jackson celebrated their silver wedding on the 17th.

Hyle White, one of the oldest citizens of Madison county, died on the 19th, aged 77 years.

The Business Men's Club of Ironton intend to have a drive around Shepherd's Mountain.

The proposition for a new Court House for Wayne county was defeated by a vote of 900 against to 108 for.

Daniel A. Glenn of Cape Girardeau has been in the mercantile business for forty years, and has announced that he will retire from business.

J. I. Graham of Fredericktown caught his right hand in the rolls of a corn shucker on the 22nd ult., and mangled it so severely that it had to be amputated.

Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter Manness of Jefferson county celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 18th, with a large gathering of their friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Pormelia Ann Jewett died on the 7th, aged 77 years. Her parents were among the early settlers of Washington county. Her husband, who is 84 years old, survives her, and also five children.

Mike Daniels was put in the calaboose at Allensville on the night of the 19th for stabbing a man. During the night the building caught fire, and the man was burned to death. It was not known how the fire started.

Arthur Gunnells of Butler county was kicked in the stomach by a mule on the 19th ult., receiving such injuries that he died almost instantly. He had gone into the stable lot to feed his stock when the mule kicked him.

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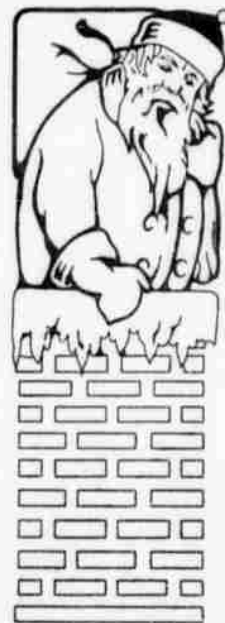
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Harvest time is approaching. The election returns of 1910 indicate that the Democratic party is approaching the hour of its triumph. For fourteen years it has been laboring in behalf of certain fundamental reforms which were much needed. At first its policies were regarded as dangerous, and every possible effort was made to arouse opposition to our party among the timid radicals as well as among the avowed conservatives. When the Democratic party took the side of the people on the money question and insisted that the country needed more money, the money changers organized and terrorized the people into apparent submission to the disastrous conditions caused by an insufficient volume of money. Now the world knows that there was not enough money in 1896, and intelligent people understand that the prosperity that followed since would not have been possible without an unexpected increase in the volume of money.

When the Democratic party fought for an income tax, those who favored the tax were called demagogues and disturbers of the peace, and were accused of trying to array the poor against the rich. Since a Republican President, a Republican Senate and a Republican House have submitted the income tax amendment, the people have become convinced that the Democratic party was the champion of the masses in its advocacy of the income tax.

When, eighteen years ago, the Democratic party began its fight for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people, it was accused of attempting to revolutionize the government and destroy the influence of the States in the Federal Congress, but now that two-thirds of the States have endorsed the reform; now that three Republican Congresses have declared for it and a Republican candidate for President has admitted that he is inclined to favor it, the people recognize that the Democratic party has spoken for the masses of the people.

When the Democratic party began, fourteen years ago, to demand railroad regulation and spoke out against rebates and discrimination, the railroad officials rushed into the Republican party and made it the representative of the big railway combines, but now that the Repub-

lican leaders have been compelled to admit the necessity for better regulation, now that the rank and file of all parties demand it, the Democratic party is recognized as the pioneer in this work.

During all these years the Democratic party has been pointing out the evils of private monopoly and insisting upon the enforcement of the criminal law and the passage of such additional statutes as may be necessary to protect the public. Now that even Republicans are compelled to admit that the trust evil demands attention, our party is recognized as the defender of the people's interest on this subject. Our party's opposition to the ship subsidy and to extravagance in legislation is now more popular than it was a few years ago.

For more than twenty years the Democratic party has been pointing out the iniquities of a high tariff and calling attention to the necessity for tariff reduction. A great many have been so wedded to the principle of high protection that it has been difficult to check their faith in the system, but the promise made by the Republicans two years ago and their violation of it in the first session of the present Congress, these together have opened the eyes of the blind and aroused a country-wide protest against the high tariff leaders.

The growth of public sentiment in favor of the things which the Democratic party has been advocating and the disgust with the management of affairs by Republican leaders, have led to the signal victory won by the democrats on November 8, but the victory will be of no purpose unless the Democrats entrusted with power are in sympathy with the forward movement which the Democratic party has been leading. There must be no backward step; there must be no dallying with the reactionary element of the party. It was the Republican party's Wall Street connections that led to the progressive movement in the Repub-

lican party, and Wall Street is much less popular in the Democratic party than in the Republican party. A Democratic Congress must keep step with the spirit of the time and lead public sentiment to the reforms upon which the people have agreed.

The Democratic party must everywhere urge the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people; the Democratic party must in all sections fight the trusts and carry out the Democratic platform demanding legislation which makes it impossible for private monopoly to exist. The Democratic party must make a sincere effort at real tariff reduction. It goes without saying that the party must redeem its pledge to overthrow Cannonism and establish representative government in Congress.

Let the Democrats but be faithful to the promises made by the party and the presidential election of 1912 will bring an abundant reward, but retreat would be as impolitic as it would be unrighteous. The Democratic party has no reason for existence except as it is the champion of the whole people in their fight for justice and equality of opportunity. After a decade and a half the party has been gaining strength by its fidelity to the interests of the common people. It has been sowing the seed and cultivating the crop. The harvest is now ready.

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